

Williams Brothers' Killer Found Not Guilty

By Bryant Thigpen

Courtesy of *The Suwannee Democrat*

A Live Oak man walked out of a Suwannee County courtroom Thursday evening a free man after being on trial for two counts of capital first degree murder.

It took a jury nearly seven hours to render a verdict in the case of State of Florida versus Marcus Nathaniel Cole. The 12 member panel found Cole not guilty on both counts. Following the reading of the verdict, family members of the two brothers that were shot and killed by Cole were emotionally vocal to both jury and Cole.

Cole, 41, was hosting a party and cookout at his home on 225th Road on Jan. 26, 2013. At approximately 10 p.m., six of the partygoers got into a fight, according to reports from the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office.

Shortly after the fight had broken up, Cole went into his home and retrieved a 30.06 rifle and shot and killed Mike Williams, 46, and his brother, Abram Williams, 41.

Mike and Abram Williams were the sons of Kenny Williams, who grew up in Lee. The brothers were also kin to a host of other relatives in the Madison County community.

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On the stand, Sharmee testified everyone in the vehicle had been at a previous party where alcoholic beverages

were involved, and stated she had roughly eight to nine beers at that party.

Sharmee stated she met Marcus Cole through Karen at a previous cookout.

Her recollection of the night was they arrived at the Cole residence around 9:30-10 p.m. She observed people drinking upon their arrival.

Sharmee said a fight broke out and she did not know why, but she observed Marcus and David fighting.

She said she then told her husband, Abe Williams, "Let's get out of here."

She said when she got into a truck, Abe was there and Mike was following behind. She said they were going to leave when Mike Williams got into the truck. Abe Williams was sitting in the driver's seat and Sharmee was in the passenger seat.

She testified she watched her brother-in-law Mike Williams fall to the ground.

While sitting in the truck, Abe looked over at her and reportedly said, "What the (censored)," and that's when she said Abe Williams was shot in the head by Marcus.

Abe was transported to a Gainesville hospital, but she did not get to ride with him in the ambulance. Abe later died from his injuries.

The state called William Cimiotta as their second witness, who was reportedly living at the Cole residence at the time of the shooting along with his wife, Kayla. Marcus was his step-father at that time.

William Cimiotta testified to being at the party for the entire evening and said there was beer, vodka and marijuana at the party. He said he and Kayla had not been drinking.

William Cimiotta said those that arrived at the party had appeared to have been drinking. William Cimiotta said Mike Williams said some inappropriate things to his mother which caused things to escalate. A fight broke out, and he said Marcus later appeared to have grease on him.

William Cimiotta reportedly told Marcus to go inside and clean off and he did so. While Marcus was inside the mobile home, William Cimiotta said he attempted to break up the fight.

He testified the fight soon ended. Karen was attending to Josh White who had been cut, and Marcus was still in the home at that time. He said three people were getting in their vehicle and were getting ready to leave. Abe and Sharmee were in the vehicle and Mike was walking toward the vehicle.

He said he then saw Marcus with the rifle and tried snatching the gun away from him but was not successful. William Cimiotta said he told him, "We can do this another way."

William Cimiotta recalled Marcus then saying a few words to him before pulling the trigger.

William Cimiotta said Marcus then went back in the front door after he shot the two victims. He testified he



Madison County Memorial Hospital Name Not Changing

By Jessie R. Box

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Madison County Memorial Hospital name will not change when moved to the new building. Several months ago, it was decided that the name would change to Faith Community Hospital at Madison.

"After receiving input from several members of our community and from the Madison County Board of County Commissioners, our hospital board met and conferred and decided that in the best interest of continuity and preserving history, the name of the new hospital would continue to

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Georgia Johnson, "New Centenarian," Is Honored With Resolution



Georgia Johnson, (neé Hudson), born and raised in Madison County, recently celebrated her 100th birthday (March 29, 2014) with friends and family. In her honor, the County Commission drafted Resolution No. 2014-04-09A, in recognition of "a life well-lived and worthy of an expression of appreciation for her contributions to Madison County and the people that reside in it." A longtime member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, she married another lifelong Madison resident, William Johnson, Jr., and they were blessed with six children, 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Shown below, left to right, County Commission Chair Justin Hamrick presents the newly-signed resolution, a way of saying "thank you" and a gesture of admiration, respect and appreciation, to two of her family members, son-in-law George Jesse Anderson and daughter Pauline Miller.



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County To Keep In-Town Shuttle Rolling Another Year

By Lynette Norris

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During a recent trip to Winn-Dixie, County Commissioner Ronnie Moore, who also serves on the Transportation Disadvantaged Committee, decided on that location to take a ride on Big Bend Transit's In-Town Shuttle and talk to some of the people who use the service and see how they would be affected if the bus were no longer available. The shuttle has suf-

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Mobile Office To Be In Madison Monday, April 14

A staff member from Senator Marco Rubio's office will be available on Monday, April 14, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Madison County Courthouse, Room 110, to meet one-on-one with citizens needing assistance in dealing with a federal agency. For more information, call (850) 599-9100.

Madison County Building Department Issued 59 Permits

By Jessie R. Box

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The March permit report for Madison County Building Department shows that there was a total of 59 permits issued. New residential construction had two permits issued. For the two new residential construction permits, the total valuation of construction was \$500,122 and the total square feet of living area was 9,692. There were no commercial projects for March. The electrical permits were the highest of permits issued with 19 in total. Mechanical per-

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Ready For The Big Show



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Getting ready for their Palm Sunday weekend concerts, the Madison Boys Choir tries out the stage at the RATT Pact Theater where the shows will be presented this weekend, Friday evening, April 11, at 7 p.m., Saturday afternoon April 12 at 3 p.m., and again that evening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Contact Tim Dunn at (850) 973-6665.

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Local Weather			
Fri 4/11	77/49		Mainly sunny. High 77F. Winds light and variable.
Sat 4/12	81/54		Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sun 4/13	82/58		A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
Mon 4/14	83/62		More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Madison County Extension Service



Diann Douglas
Guest Columnist

April is National Financial Literacy Month, a designation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives to raise public awareness about the importance of financial education. Everyday Americans make financial decisions that affect our long term financial stability. According to supporters of the resolution, financial literacy is an issue that demands our attention because many Americans are not adequately managing their finances for education, healthcare and retirement.

According to national surveys, the savings rate is low, while Americans owe over \$850 billion in credit card debt. To compli-

It's Financial Literacy Month

cate matters, while the mortgage industry is slowly coming out of a crisis, foreclosures are still high. All of these issues increase the need for consumer knowledge of money and finance.

Education is the key to help move Americans toward improved spending and saving habits and raise the level of money invested in retirement plans. And, it is never too early to encourage long-term savings for future goals. According to the National Endowment for Financial Education, surveys show as few as ten hours of education can influence the practices and financial knowledge of young people.

Some good news on the educational front, during this legislative session, a bill passed requiring a course in financial education for all high school students in the state of Florida. This is a major step in the right direction, however, financial education should be an integral component of the entire educational system, Pre-K through the

12th grade.

Financial literacy needs to start early in a child's life. Early decisions about how to spend an allowance gives a child practice in decision making skills. Parents can help kids practice the concepts of planned spending and saving for a future purchase, a simple piggy bank can be the first step.

All consumers, regardless of age, need to understand the decision making process of spending, saving and wise use of credit. As consumers, adults need to sharpen their shopping skills and learn all they can about managing money and making sound financial decisions.

To learn more about managing money, contact the Madison County Extension office. We have consumer information to help you get organized and headed down the path of financial stability.

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Jacob's Ladder

The Unappreciated



Jacob Bemby
Columnist

Have you ever felt like you have poured your heart and soul into your job or into your family and friends but felt like they don't appreciate you? Well, you're in good company.

Around 2,000 years ago, not just any ordinary man rode into Jerusalem, as the crowds threw palm fronds and their clothes down in front of him. The man was not riding on just any ordinary animal. He was riding on a donkey that had not yet been broke. The crowd was

ecstatic as it screamed, "Hosanna," proclaiming that the Messiah had come.

How many times have you felt like this, riding high like you had the world by the reins?

Those times are much more memorable than the times when you feel abused, neglected or hurt by your comrades. I know I cherish my victories a lot more than my defeats.

Jesus Christ rode into Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday. By Friday, he would be hanging on a cross, after being beaten, scourged and spat upon by people who may have been in the crowd, cheering his entry into Jerusalem. He had been betrayed by one of the people closest to Him, sold out for money. No matter how bad our suffering and complaining about lack of appreciation may be, it can be nothing com-

pared to what Christ went through. He had performed miracles, He had raised the dead, yet His followers had turned from Him. Don't you know that hurt?

When I am hurt by someone I feel the closest to, I try and remember what Christ had to go through. Many times, I fail to do that and get hurt even more.

I am sorry that Christ had to suffer such shame and such pain and that I was responsible for it, too, with my sins. They may have come 2,000 years later, but Christ knew what He was doing and who He was doing it for. He was doing it for me and for you and whosoever will turn from His sins.

Do you know Christ as your Savior? If you do, are you living for Him? Are you telling others of His amazing saving love. If not, begin doing it today.

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Conservative Corner

By Nelson A. Pryor

Strangers On Your Land

Water rarely flows in one of the streambeds - it really seems to be a little more than a small ditch-that Dean Lemke points out to a visitor on his 800-acre farm in Dows, Iowa.

"I wouldn't even call it a stream," he said. "There is only water flow in it when it rains."

Mr. Lemke is a former Iowa state governmental official who supervised water-quality programs. He is also a fifth-generation farmer who grows corn and soybeans on his acreage, about 75 miles north of Des Moines, and he has never worried that the government would be concerned about that small ditch.

But that will soon change.

The Environmental Protection Agency is set to issue regulations that farmers like Mr. Lemke say may require them to get permits for work for which they have long been exempt.

Pending the text of the EPA rules, farmers face a power grab of unknown proportions, that could stifle economic growth and intrude on property owners' rights.

Farmers are expecting fees for environmental assessments and to get permits just to till the

soil near gullies, ditches, low spots or dry streambeds where water only collects or flows when it rains.

The strangers on your land authorize permits for any activity, like farming or construction, that creates a discharge into a body of water covered under the Clean Water Act or affects the health of it, like filling in a wetland or blocking a stream.

The proposed regulations have also raised concerns among industries beyond agriculture, and objections have been filed by several groups.

To coordinate the opposition efforts, the New York Times of March 3, reports opposition groups joining forces with the American Farm Bureau Federation to create the Water Advocacy Coalition to lobby against increased environmental regulation.

In a letter last month to the White House and members of Congress, the coalition said the agency's decision to move forward on the new rules failed to comply with regulatory requirements and relied on a flawed economic analysis con-

cerning its effect on industry. The coalition also said the scientific report the agency and the Army Corps of Engineers relied on to justify the new rules had not been reviewed by other scientists.

Several members of Congress have also weighed in. Representative Bill Shuster, a Pennsylvania Republican and chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said in a March 6 letter to the White House and Gina McCarthy, the EPA administrator, that the new water regulations were part of a "pattern of an imperial presidency that seeks to use brute force and executive action while ignoring Congress."

Representative Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican, said the regulations "could be the largest expansion of EPA regulatory authority ever."

Mr. Lemke is most concerned about planting seasons, with seasons delayed while the agency goes through the lengthy process to decide if a permit is needed to plow or plant near those usually dry water beds. He is not optimistic.

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Something To Think About

By Harvey Greene



Harvey Greene
Guest Columnist

When I was a wee little tot - I'm not exactly sure but probably no more than five or eight - my grandmother had a chicken pen and coup behind her house. Come to think of it, I don't know if I can remember a time that there was not a chicken pen of some version on that farm, either at my grandmother's house or down at the barn. But when I was really young, it was behind my grandmother's house, along with a pear tree, a fig tree and two cumquat trees, all of which I loved to pick and eat.

But I digress. This story is not about pears, figs or cumquats. It is about chickens and eggs.

As I said above, at the time of this story's origin, I must have been about five or so, no more than eight. My grandmother had gone out back to the pen to gather the eggs, and I had bounded with her. This was probably not my first time doing this, because I don't remember there being anything special in the beginning, and of course it was certainly not my last trip to the chicken pen. But assuredly it was one of my most important.

As I was walking around the pen, holding the basket for my grandmother like the big little boy I was, I tripped on something

Chickens And Eggs

and fell. I do not remember what made me fall now, and I am sure it is not really the important part. But trip and fall I did. Basket, eggs and Harvey all went flying and tumbling into the dirt and mud of the chicken pen. I skinned my knees and elbows, and spilt my basket. The chickens immediately rushed in and began pecking at the broken egg matter on the ground.

I don't know for sure, of course, but I suppose that is one thing that chickens live for - to frighten young egg stealers. Well, frighten me they did. Today I am not sure what made me cry more, the bruises and scrapes, or the broken eggs, or the fear of all the chickens around me pecking at everything. Some things from this event I no longer remember. But some things I very much remember. I remember sitting and crying.

I remember a strong pair of hands lifting me up and standing me back onto my feet. I remember looking up into the eyes of my father, and beside him over his shoulder, my grandfather. I do not remember them being in the pen originally, but I remember looking up at those two men who were looking back at me. And as my father's strong pair of hands placed the little boy back on his feet, and dusted him off, I remember my father's words.

"Son," his voice both kind and stern, both velvet and steel. "In this life as you grow up, there will be lots of times when you

trip and fall. And things will break. And there will be people who will rush at you while you are down, and it will scare you. It isn't bad to fall. We all fall down sometimes. What matters is that you don't let it scare you, and that you get back up. Do you understand?"

I nodded, sniffing back the tears. I am not sure how much I really understood then or not. But I wanted to.

"Good. How about you and your grandmother get the rest of the eggs then, huh?"

I remember my grandfather patting my father on the back and looking up into his eyes with a certain look on his face. That look meant nothing to me then of course. But since then I have felt that same look on my own face, directed at each of my children, whether they were present or not, when something I heard or saw or read showed them to be the adult I had hoped they would become. They have each received it more than once. I know that look now.

But I have always remembered my father's words from that day.

It doesn't matter that we fall down. It doesn't matter that falling down may hurt. We all fall down sometimes. And there are always people that will rush in to peck at us while we are down. None of that matters, because no matter what we do, sooner or later it will happen, and probably more than once. What matters is that we get back up.

Think about it.



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didn't feel threatened by those who were leaving.

Jacobsen asked William Cimiotta if the Williams' were leaving quietly, he replied, "Yes, sir."

The state called their third witness, Stacy Cole, ex-wife of Marcus Cole, and mother of William Cimiotta.

At the time of the shooting, Stacy said she was working at the Econo Lodge at night as an auditor.

Stacy said Mike Williams had made inappropriate comments to her. Marcus then reportedly told her to go inside the mobile home. She later saw Marcus inside the home and he told her to call 911 when he had grease splashed on his face. She later called 911 again, this time not instructed by Marcus.

Stacy said Sharmee was sitting inside a maroon truck when she proceeded to go behind it to get the license plate number. She said at that time, Mike Williams had already been shot.

She testified Marcus was standing on the second step of the home's entrance steps when the second bullet was fired.

Two 911 calls that were made were then played for the jury to hear.

"They were attempting to leave," Stacy said.

Stacy said she uncovered the weapon laying on the couch when she went searching for it.

The state then called their fourth witness, Kayla Cimiotta. At the time of the incident and trial, Cimiotta was married to William Cimiotta.

Kayla said she was inside the mobile home with William Cimiotta and Stacy when they heard a big bang. They went outside and dis-

covered Marcus had grease on him and there was fighting.

Kayla said William Cimiotta was pulling everybody off when Joshua White told Karen Thompson he got stabbed. She said David Fillyaw was the only person she saw with a knife. David was later arrested for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Kayla said she had asked the guests to leave and they were leaving in a "calmly way." She then said William Cimiotta tried to stop him by standing in front of him trying to get the gun away.

The state then called Sgt. Jake Greene of the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office. Greene was the first responder on the scene.

Greene said he was approached by three individuals who informed him Marcus was the man who shot the victims. Greene then approached Marcus and checked on injured individuals.

Greene was on the scene when crime scene analysts from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement arrived.

The state then called Cpl. Brian Barrs of the SCSO.

Barrs testified when he arrived on the scene, Marcus was standing by a deputy's car. When he saw a substance dripping from Marcus, he asked an EMT personnel what the liquid was. Barrs said Marcus, who was standing close by, spontaneously said, "They threw grease on me. I had to shoot them."

Barrs said Marcus was never asked anything directly regarding the substance.

The state then called their seventh witness, Investigator Jeff Cameron of the SCSO. Cameron also testified on the second

day of trial.

Cameron said when he arrived on the scene, he had no communication with Marcus since he was in the back of a patrol car.

Later at the Suwannee County Jail during the booking process, Cameron said he read Marcus his Miranda Rights, which he waived, but said he wasn't talking until he talked with an attorney.

However, Cameron said Marcus was making spontaneous statements such as, "They threw grease on me. I had to shoot."

Cameron also testified that he did not see blisters or red marks on Marcus at the time of booking that he could have sustained from hot grease and did not see any evidence that Marcus was in pain.

He said Marcus was not admitted to the hospital or treated for injuries the night of the shooting.

Day 2 - March 26

On the second day of trial, the state called their final witness, Stacy Simmons, medical examiner of Jacksonville.

Simmons performed the autopsies on Abe and Mike Williams, and said autopsies are generally performed when there is a "traumatic death or drug overdose."

Following her examinations, Simmons determined and testified to the cause of death. Simmons said Abe Williams died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head and Mike Williams died as a result of a gunshot wound to the chest.

Simmons said the manner of death for both individuals was determined to be a homicide, which she defined as a "killing of one person by another person."

The state then rested.

Defense calls their witnesses

The defense then called Karen Thompson to the stand. Karen, who was reportedly dating Joshua White at that time, said she had known Marcus for approximately five years.

Karen said she was cooking at the party when the guests arrived at the Cole residence. She said she knew Abe and Sharmee Williams, who she invited, but she didn't know Mike Williams or David Fillyaw prior to that day.

Karen said she went inside and when she came back out, there was fighting going on.

When Marcus passed by her, Karen testified he said, "They burnt me. They threw grease on me."

Karen said the fight continued when Cole went inside. She cared for Joshua White after he sustained an injury.

"I thought Josh was going to die," Karen said. "The scene was very chaotic."

Karen testified she heard a gunshot, but did not know who was shooting. She said she then saw Marcus holding a gun.

The defense then called Joshua White.

Joshua testified he was fearful of his life after being cut on his upper back while helping Marcus, who he said was laying on the ground getting beaten.

"I was down on the bottom of the pile. When I managed to get out, I felt a burning sensation," Joshua said. "My fingers actually went into my neck."

At that point, White said the guests were still fighting.

"It looked like they had no will of stopping," he said.

Marcus Cole takes the stand

The defense then called Marcus Cole to the stand as their final witness.

Marcus was living at the residence on 225th Road with his wife Stacy; her son, William Cimiotta, and his wife, Kayla.

Marcus said he and Stacy had been married two years prior to the event.

Marcus said the occasion of the family get-together was to eat meat from a hog killed the previous day. He said Josh and Karen had a 400 pound boar hog that had escaped the pen.

"It was night time, it was raining. They called me up because they don't own a gun, to come and shoot it. So, I got a gun, a 30-06 ... I shot it," Marcus said.

Marcus said they packed the meat on ice and then had it processed the next day. Marcus said as a payment, Karen brought some ribs and a shoulder over and said they wanted to have a cook-out.

"I said we could cook it at my house. We agreed to have some shrimp and oysters and fried dill pickles," Marcus said.

Marcus said the 30-06 gun previously belonged to his dad who passed away, and was given to him by his step-mom.

Marcus recalled when he got off work on Jan. 26, the day of the party, he stopped by a convenience store and got a 12 pack of beer and a bag of ice and went home. Later, folks who he described as "close friends" arrived around 6 p.m. and began cooking. Marcus said the radio was loud and everyone was "happy."

Around 10 p.m., Abe and Sharmee Williams arrived at the party along with Mike Williams and David Fillyaw, who he said was acting somewhat aggressive.

"They all had a beer in their hand," Marcus said.

Later, Marcus said they were making rude comments to his wife and to Karen. That's when Marcus said he asked the ladies to go into the home. Marcus said when he told Abe and his company to leave, they just laughed. Marcus testified he asked them to leave on four different occasions.

"(Abe) said he wasn't going anywhere, so I went into the house and told my wife to call 911," Marcus said. "They were just trying to make us fight. They should have left when I asked them."

Marcus said they attacked him when he made it clear he didn't want them at his home anymore.

When punches were exchanged, Mar-

cus said Abe Williams kicked him in the knees to make him fall to the ground. He said they aggressively continued to punch and kick him while he was down on the ground.

Marcus testified that Mike Williams picked up a pot full of hot grease which had been used for cooking and threw it at him, burning his upper body.

"I thought I was going to be blind and not have a face," Marcus said. "I started screaming and saying I couldn't see."

Marcus said he felt like it was an attempt to kill him.

Later, he witnessed Joshua White, his best friend, he said, bleeding from a cut which he believed to be life threatening.

"I thought he was going to bleed to death," Marcus said. "I was horrified."

Marcus continued, "Each fight was getting more and more aggressive."

"I felt like I had to go get my gun to protect my loved ones. They almost killed me and Josh is bleeding to death," Marcus said.

When he returned outside from getting the firearm, Marcus said he stood between the aggressors and his loved ones.

Marcus said he was unsure if Abe Williams had a weapon in the truck. He also said he was unsure if Mike Williams had a weapon on him, but stated he had not seen one during this incident. Marcus said Mike Williams was coming at him and he took action to protect himself.

"I did not have a choice," Marcus said. "I'm still horrified. That's a feeling you don't want to feel. It hasn't changed over the 14 months."

Day 3 - March 27

Day three began with closing statements by Marcus Cole's attorney and the state. The jury was then sent into deliberation at 2:20 p.m.

At approximately 9:15 p.m., the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty of two counts of capital first degree murder.

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mits came in second with a total of 11 permits issued. Mobile home or modular set up permits had seven issued. Fire safety and renovations or remodeling had four permits issued each. Other permit category such as demolition had four permits is-

sued. Mobile Homes permits were issued three times. Plumbing and buildings permits, such as barns or storage, each had two permits issued. Roofing permits had one permit issued. The total of fees collected for March was \$9,489.75

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be Madison County Memorial Hospital," said Ted Ensminger, HCAHPS Coordinator and Director of Marketing at Madison County Memorial Hospital. "This decision also supports the three key values of the hospital: Faith, Family and History." The new Madison

County Memorial Hospital building is expected to be ready to begin transferring patients from the old building on August 1. The building still has some items that must be finished before it is ready. The ceiling and flooring is not installed completely yet.

Shuttle

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money, operating only during hours of peak use. "We have a diverse group of people less fortunate, in that they are without transportation," Moore told fellow commissioners. Among those he spoke to was an 80-year-old lady who schedules all of her doctor appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, because those are the days that the shuttle operates, and another elderly gentleman who was grocery shopping for his wife at home.

ferred cutbacks in funding as grants have expired, and has already cut back its hours of operation to save money, operating only during hours of peak use.

"It's needed," he said. "And I think it's a big plus if we can fund it." It would fill a needed gap in the social services area for county residents without any other means to get to grocery stores, doctor's offices, or even to work.

Moore said he would be able to put up half the funds needed, but since the city could not make that commitment, Moore recommended that the county kick in the entire \$10,000 necessary before the June 1 deadline, in order to keep the shuttle running for another year.

The County Commission agreed, and approved the measure to continue funding the shuttle for one more year. The money would come from the County's Fiscally Constrained Fund.

Obituaries

Norma Jean Townsend Hendry

Norma Jean Townsend Hendry, 78, of Madison, passed away Tuesday, April 8, at her home.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel, with burial at Oak Ridge Cemetery. The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at Beggs Funeral Home.

She was born in Madison County on November 5, 1935 to the late Jim and Daisy Townsend. She graduated from Madison High School in 1953. She worked for the City of Madison as the City Clerk for 17 years. Later, she was the owner of The Rosery Florist,

along with her late husband, Edwin Hendry, for 25 years. Norma Jean played a major role in the development and establishing the Senior Citizens Council of Madison County and served as the first director. She was a charter and active member of Unity Baptist Church. After her retirement in 1999, she devoted her time to cooking for her family, her church family and sharing the bounty of her kitchen with many families whom she knew.

She is survived by two sons: Troy Hendry (Jenny) of Madison, and Todd Hendry of St. Augustine; two grandchildren; Sara Whitaker (Kyle) of Madison,

and Andrew Hendry (fiancé, Magan Taylor) of Madison; one great grandson; Asher Whitaker, as well as many nephews and nieces and friend, Betty DeLaughter of Madison.

She was preceded in death by husband, James Edwin Hendry of 57 years; parents, Jim and Daisy Townsend; four brothers and three sisters. She was the youngest and last surviving child of the Townsend family.

Beggs Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements: (850) 973-2258. You may send your condolences to the family by visiting the website www.beggsfuneral.com.

Wedding Announcement

Heard-Thompson Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bryan and Mr. Rocky Duncan Sr. of Colquitt, Ga.

Grover Duncan of Colquitt, Ga. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben-

Guilda Swain and the late Mr. C.W. Swain of Sale City, Ga. and Mrs.

Colquitt, Ga. would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Tomi Lynn Heard to Mr. Ronnie Gene Thompson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Thompson Sr. of Madison.



Vivian Thompson and the late Mr. Ronald Thompson of Sale City, Ga. Ronnie is currently employed with Peanuts in Colquitt, Ga.

nie Bryan of Colquitt, Ga. Tomi Lynn is currently employed at Dee's gift store in Colquitt, Ga.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mrs.

The wedding will be May 10th, at 7 p.m. at The Long Branch Lodge in Colquitt, Ga. All friends and family are invited, as no invitations will be sent.

Helen Glean Pearson

Helen Glean Pearson was born on July 7, 1939. She was called home on April 6, surrounded by family and friends. Her wake will be on Friday, April 11, at Cooks and Coopers Funeral Home at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event is open to the



public. Funeral services will follow on Saturday, April 12, at noon at New Life Christian International Ministries.

Cooks and Coopers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements: (850) 973-6666.

Paris Blair Bass

Paris Blair Bass left this world for a better place on Sunday, April 6.

Her viewing was held Thursday, April 10, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home in Madison. Graveside service will be held at a later date

at San Pedro Cemetery in Madison.

She is survived by her daughter; Paula Bass and four granddaughters; Shyanne, Kindall, Keriston and Karindall Williamson; three brothers; Eddie Blair, Allen Blair and Mike Blair; one sister;

Heidi Blair.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother; Rodger and Dot O'Quinn Blair and brother; Mark Blair.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements: (850) 973-2258.

June Elizabeth Nipper Townsend Morris

June Elizabeth Nipper Townsend Morris, 83, of Mason, Ohio, passed away Sunday, April 6, of renal failure.

She was born April 13, 1930 in Miami, to the late William Jackson and Della Lorena Adams Nipper. The Nipper family moved to Cherry Lake Farms when June was five years old. She graduated from Madison High School in 1948.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Allen Townsend, Jr. of four months, son Jim Allen

Townsend, III, two sisters: Vera Nipper Hart and Odessa Nipper Brown and brother Don E. Nipper. She was also the former wife of the late Phillip Gail Morris for 16 years.

She is survived and was the beloved mother of Phillip Gail (Debi) of San Diego, Calif., Nancy Odom (James) of Murrieta, Calif., Cindy Weeks (Scott) of Pensacola, Gabrielle Morris of Paso Robles, Calif., and Karma Decker (Jeffrey) of Mason, Ohio. She is also survived by 19

grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, sister Barbara Milton of Live Oak, and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 15th, from 2 p.m. until time for funeral services at 3 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1374 W Base St., Madison, followed by Interment at Pinegrove Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to junem413@gmail.com.

Beggs Funeral Home, in Madison, is in charge of arrangements: (850) 973-2258.

THANK YOU!

The Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties, Inc. would like to thank the Pine Tree Craft 'N' Quilters for donating 36 beautiful handmade quilts for our Moms and their babies!

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man, Louise Strickland, Karen Sutton, Helen Whitten, Ila Willis and Lenora Zipperer.



Greene Publishing's Wild Adventures Ticket Winners



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Jessie R. Box, April 2, 2014

Wendi Webb was one of the winners for the Wild Adventure's Splash Island give-a-way, that Greene Publishing advertised and promoted. She is holding her grandson Trent.



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WANDA HODNETT OF A WOMAN'S PREGNANCY CENTER ADDRESSES ROTARY CLUB



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, April 2, 2014

Wanda Hodnett speaks at the Rotary Club on behalf of A Woman's Pregnancy Center of Madison.

By Lynette Norris
Greene Publishing, Inc.

As she begins her presentation at the Madison Rotary Club, Wanda Hodnett of A Woman's Pregnancy Center prefaces it with the story of Norma McCorvey, the young woman who became the Jane Roe of *Roe Vs. Wade*, and then had a change of heart. An icon of the pro-choice movement, she joined the pro-life group, "Operation Rescue," after it moved in next door to the abortion clinic where she had been working. As a result, she became a surprise champion of the pro-life movement, making headlines with her dramatic reversal.

Ironically, McCorvey never had the abortion; by the time the law was passed, it was too late.

Forty years after *Roe Vs. Wade*, abortion is legal in all states, but Hodnett reported that nationally, abortion rates had dropped 12 percent in 2013, and some abortion clinics had closed down as the pro-life movement has gained traction.

However, her primary focus was A

Woman's Pregnancy Center of Madison, 345 NW Marion St., and the alternative it offers women who find themselves pregnant and alone, with nowhere else to turn.

Located near the new hospital, A Woman's Pregnancy Center is an entity she described as a Christian ministry that receives no state or federal money, relying instead on donations (all gifts are tax-deductible) and three major fundraisers per year: the "Celebration of Life Banquet" at Divine Events in the fall; the "Walk For Life" in the spring, which raises money through sponsors; and the "Baby Bottle Ministry," where people take baby bottles home with them, fill them with loose change and bring them back.

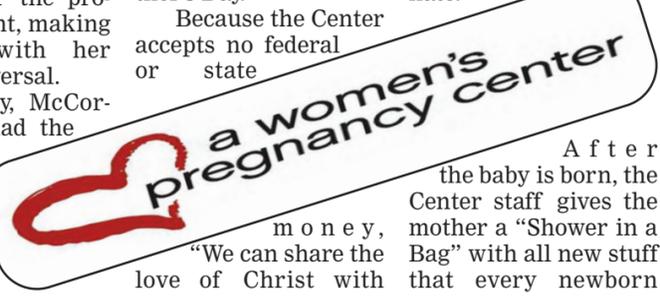
"Churches do this a lot," said Hodnett of the Baby Bottle Ministry. Typically, they will pass out the baby bottles to congregations on Mother's Day and collect them on Father's Day.

Because the Center accepts no federal or state

week of their pregnancy through the first six months of their baby's life.

"We try to find out what kind of support system she has and whether or not she's being abused, but many of our clients are church-goers," said Hodnett. Whoever they may be, they are all received with love. "So many of these girls need to be shown that they are loved and that God loves them unconditionally."

One of the first things a young woman will be given after coming to the Center is a hand-crocheted baby blanket made by volunteers. Other items might include diapers and baby clothes, depending on the need. When it comes to larger items, clients are put on a list until the needed items can be found. For instance, if she needs a baby bed but cannot afford one, the Center can put the word out through its network of volunteers for anybody with a baby bed to donate.



"We can share the love of Christ with people, and all our services are free."

The Center offers pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, encouraging its clients to be under the care of a doctor for any further medical services they will likely need. The Center's services are mostly counseling the abortion-minded "in the love of Jesus," showing instructional videos on parenting and providing some of the material things the young women will need, from the 20th

After the baby is born, the Center staff gives the mother a "Shower in a Bag" with all new stuff that every newborn needs. Many of the young women who come to the Center have never even heard of a "baby shower" before.

Additionally, every baby receives a child's Bible.

The Center accepts donations of money, time and baby items (including clothing, diapers and furniture). Donations come from churches and civic clubs holding diaper drives and delivering stacks of diapers, from businesses, or from members of the community, such as women who donate baby things their own children have outgrown.

By offering an alternative to abortion, A Woman's Pregnancy Center has saved 99 babies in the past four years, Hodnett told the audience, and spared the young mothers the after-effects of the procedure.

"Just because you have an abortion, it doesn't mean you aren't a mother or father," she said. "You're the mother or father of a deceased baby."

Even though abortion is currently legal in all states, there is a national effort underway to pass a new law requiring an ultrasound before an abortion can be performed. After seeing the ultrasound image, Hodnett explained, many young women change their minds and continue their pregnancies.

"A Woman's Pregnancy Center is a wide-open mission," she said. "Where Christ can be shared, and is being shared."

Family Bake Sale To Benefit Jefferson Couple Affected By Cancer

By Rose Klein
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Family members will be holding a bake sale for Charles and Ann Savage this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 11-13, to assist the couple with medical bills and supplies. Charles has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will be undergoing ra-

diation treatment beginning Monday, April 14 at the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center. Treatments will be at the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center, making it difficult for the couple, as they do not own transportation. Sales of baked goods or donations will go towards paying for transportation through Big Bend as well as

Charles' bills and medical supplies.

The bake sale will be held at the Country Yard Flea Market located on Hwy 19 South. Baked goods will be sold Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until all baked goods are gone.

For more information or donations, call Ann at (850) 408-9365.



Recall Updates

CAUTION



Tyson Products

Tyson is recalling over 75,000 pounds of chicken nuggets after the company received reports of mouth injuries to customers who ate the product. USDA's report said small pieces of plastic broken off a product scraper inside a blending machine were responsible for the injuries. The recall affects 20-lb bags of Spare Time Fully Cooked Nugget-Shaped Breast Pattie Fritters (pkg. numbers 0264SDL0315 through-19, and 0474SDL0311 through-14.) Also affected are 5-lb bags of Tyson Fully Cooked White Meat Chicken Nuggets with use by dates of Jan. 26, 2015 or Feb. 16, 2015

(pkg. Numbers 0264SDL0315 through -19 and 0474SDL0311 through-14). For questions regarding the recall, contact Tyson Foods Consumer Services at 1-866-328-3156.

Sprouts Farmers Market

Sprouts Farmers Market is recalling peppercorns sold under the names Sprout, Frontier and Simply Organic, for possible salmonella poisoning. The spice comes in 2.12 ounce cans with an expiration date of October 2016, lot numbers 3256, 3246, 3221 and 3262. If you purchased any of these products, do not use them: return them to the place of purchase for a refund.

The Bush Wealth Advantage

Our column, "The Bush Wealth Advantage" is our way of giving back to the community with all sorts of insights, relevant news, and practical wealth planning strategies.

Tax Filing Deadline Approaching Soon!



Stacy Bush, President
Bush Wealth Management

The deadline to file your taxes for 2013 is April 15th, 2014. Aside from April 15th being the last day to file your taxes, it is also the deadline for IRA contributions. If you plan to file an extension, remember that your IRA contribution deadline will not be extended.

So, do not delay in getting these done!

As I see it, there are a few things to consider about IRA contributions:

- Contributing to an IRA lets you invest money that can grow tax-deferred or tax-free. You may even be eligible for a tax deduction!
- With tax benefits, money can grow even faster than in accounts without benefits.
- For most people, Social Security will not provide enough money for a comfortable retirement. Investing in an IRA, particularly every year over a long period of time, can play a major role in making retirement more enjoyable.

Roth IRAs — Powerful Planning Tools for All Generations

If the current income restrictions associated with Roth IRAs prevent you from using one for your own planning purposes, consider taking steps to ensure that your children or other younger family members establish and fund a Roth IRA of their own. Roth IRAs offer ample tax benefits for retirement — particularly for younger investors. Yet perhaps the more long lasting benefit of the Roth IRA can be realized when it is used as a wealth transfer mechanism.

Roth IRAs for Minors

One of the main contributors to successful retirement planning is time — the more of it you have, the better the result. For this reason alone, setting up a Roth IRA for a child can be one of your best long-term planning strategies. When investment compounding has upwards of 50 years to run its course, even a relatively modest savings rate can produce substantial wealth.

There is no minimum age requirement for opening a Roth IRA, and many IRA providers will accept accounts for minors. In most cases, the only real issue is whether the child has taxable earned income. Fortunately there is no requirement that the same "earned income" is

the money that funds the IRA. If your child earned income from a summer or part-time job, but then spent it, there is no restriction on using money provided by parents to establish and fund the IRA account.

You can contribute up to \$5,500 to a Roth IRA in 2013 as long as your child earned at least that much. However, contributions cannot exceed your child's income for the year. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not tax deductible, but earnings are never taxed provided your child meets the distribution requirements — chief among them waiting until at least 59 1/2 before tapping the account

Wealth Transfer with a Roth IRA

As effective a retirement planning tool as a Roth IRA can be, its greatest strength may be its potential as a wealth transfer instrument. Unlike traditional IRAs, minimum distributions are not required from Roth IRAs once the owner reaches age 70 1/2. Therefore a child theoretically could have held a Roth IRA his or her entire life never having tapped into it and then pass it on to his or her beneficiaries upon death. At this point the account would fall under the same minimum withdrawal rules that pertain to traditional IRAs. However, beneficiaries may choose to string out those withdrawals over many years, continuing to earn tax-free income on the remaining account balance.

The hidden value of the Roth IRA is its exceptional growth potential. If heirs decide to spend or withdraw Roth IRA assets immediately upon inheritance, the Roth's strategic value as a wealth transfer tool is lost. If however, they choose to let the Roth IRA continue to grow and only withdraw what is required by law each year, the true power of the Roth IRA can be realized.

Stacy Bush has practiced independent financial advising in the Valdosta area for 14 years. Growing up on a farm in Donaldsonville, Georgia, he is keen to the financial needs of South Georgia and North Florida families. Stacy and his wife, Carla, live in Valdosta with their four children. You can submit questions about this article to askstacybush@pl.com

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Daniel Graham, Desmond Roberson Drop In At 55 Plus Club



Greene Publishing, Inc. Photo By Lynette Norris, April 9, 2014

Desmond Roberson and Daniel Graham, guests at the 55 Plus Club, spoke briefly about the Madison Boy's Choir Palm Sunday Concert program at the RATT Pact Theater, Friday evening, April 11 at 7 p.m., Saturday afternoon, April 12, at 3 p.m., and Saturday evening, April 12, at 7 p.m. One of the main questions from the audience was "Where do we get tickets?" The answer, contact Deborah Brown at (850) 929-4938, or Tim Dunn, who is in the phone book. If enough tickets are sold, the choir will schedule a second matinee performance on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 13, at 3 p.m. After their appearance at 55 Plus, Roberson, Graham and the choir were scheduled to begin rehearsing in the theater building, in readiness for the upcoming concert.

Parents Pay Attention For STAPH INFECTIONS

By Jessie R. Box
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Parents as you are watching your children play contact sports, pay attention to the cuts or abrasions they may receive.

According to the Mayo Clinic website, staph infections are caused by staphylococcus bacteria, a type of germ commonly found on a person's skin or in the nose.

The bacteria can get under a person's skin through a break in the skin.

"Normal, healthy people who maintain good hygiene do not get staph infections that often," said Harvey Greene, P.A.-C at Family Health Center in Madison.

According to the

Mayo Clinic, common types of staph infections are boils, impetigo and cellulitis. Boils are pockets of pus that develops in a hair follicle or oil gland. Impetigo is a contagious rash that occurs mostly in young children. Cellulitis is an infection of the deeper layers of skin and causes skin redness and swelling on the surface of the skin. Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome affects mostly newborns and the symptoms include fever, rash and blisters.

According to Greene, staph infections are less communicable than the common cold and he explains that it is because everyone has staph bacteria on their skin. The

bacteria helps fight off other bacteria.

Treatment of staph infections is case by case due to methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus or MRSA, a stain of staph infection that resists certain antibiotics. Before treatment, it must be determined which antibiotic will kill the infection. According to Mayo Clinic, less than 10 percent of today's staph infections can be cured with penicillin and half are resistant to cephalosporin and nafcillin.

Greene warned that if you think you have a staph infection, then have your physician look at it.

"Earlier treatment is easier treatment," said Greene.

WAY BACK WHEN

April 8, 1949

Arthur Clark Smith, of Tallahassee, was elected principal of the Pinetta School for the 1949-1950 term at a meeting of the County Board of Education Wednesday. Mr. Smith is working on his Master of Arts Degree at Florida State University and will finish his course this summer. He is a native of Virginia and received his early education at Abingdon, Va. He is married and has three children.

Little Ella Mae Rogers of Boyd celebrated her 7th birthday a few days ago with a party given in her honor by her mother, Mrs. David Rogers. There were 21 guests. Miss Elizabeth Brannen helped her mother with the children. Ella Mae received many nice gifts.

The Legislature is meeting again this week in what many consider an important session. Governor Warren and others say that the state is facing a crisis, with forty to fifty million dollars more budgeted than that for which revenue is in sight. New taxes will be proposed by the Governor and reiteration of his opposition to the sales tax will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. W M

Burton expect to leave this week, driving to San Francisco from where they will embark for Guam, April 20, by steamer. Mr. Burton will be connected with the U.S. Engineering Department.

April 14, 1950

Many friends and relatives gathered at Mrs. J.G Thigpen's Sunday night to celebrate Mrs. Florence Thigpen's eighty-fifth birthday. A number of gifts were presented to her, with wishes for many more birthdays yet.

The students and teachers of Lee School enjoyed the Easter Recess, which extended from April 6 to April 11. Every one attended one or more Easter egg hunts. The separate rooms at school had their egg hunts and picnics, which are a tradition of the school.

Fire caused from a spark falling on the shingles burned a considerable hole in the roof of Mary Tillman's home in West Madison Friday. Effective work of the Fire Department saved the home.

Presbyterian children were entertained at their annual egg hunt Saturday afternoon on the church lawn. Quite a large number enjoyed the affair. Ice cream was

served after the eggs were found. Prizewinners were Harriet Gandy, Billie Bryant, Joy Harris, Beverly Gibson, Gayle Coffee and Phillip Ragans.

April 13, 1951

John L. Marker, age 29, of Greenville, is in the local hospital with shoulder and back injuries and cuts on the face, and Harrison Williams, 60, also of Greenville, a rider in Mr. Marker's car, with a severely cut foot, as the result of an automobile accident about 1:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bailey, Madison Route 3, announce the birth of a son, April 10.

Susan Selman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Selman was honored with a lovely birthday Thursday afternoon on the occasion of her second birthday anniversary.

The Intentional baseball league composed of Pinetta, Fla., and the following Georgia Teams: Glenn, Stockton, Eastside Valdosta, Lakeland, and Homerville, opens for the season Sunday, April 15. Games will be played each Sunday afternoon during the season. Glenn will play Pinetta in Pinetta this Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Meet Your Local E.M.S.

Mica Taylor

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Hometown: Thomasville, Ga.

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Favorite Book: The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky.

Favorite Movie: Fried Green Tomatoes

Favorite Music: I listen to everything.

Favorite TV Shows: Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Sport: College Soccer. She is a FSU fan.

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WHAT IS CANCER OF THE ESOPHAGUS?

The esophagus is a muscular tube that connects the throat to the stomach. It lies behind the windpipe (trachea) and in front of the spine and in adults is about 10-13 inches long. At its smallest point, it is a little less than one inch wide. It carries food and liquids to the stomach.

The wall of the esophagus has several layers. Cancer of the esophagus starts in the inner layer and grows outward into deeper layers.

In the lower part of the esophagus that connects to the stomach, a sphincter muscle opens to allow food to enter the stomach. This muscle

also closes to keep stomach acid and juices from backing up into the esophagus. When stomach juices escape into the esophagus, it is called gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) or just reflux. In many cases, reflux can cause symptoms such as heartburn or a burning feeling spreading out from the middle of the chest. But sometimes, reflux can happen without any symptoms at all.

Long-term reflux of stomach acid into the esophagus can lead to problems. It can change the cells in the lower end of the esophagus. They become more like the cells that line the stomach. When these cells change, the person has a condition called Barrett's

esophagus. These altered cells can change into cancer, so the person has a much higher risk of cancer of the esophagus and should be closely watched by a doctor. Still, most people with Barrett's esophagus do not go on to get cancer of the esophagus.

Can cancer of the esophagus be prevented?

Not all cases of esophageal cancer can be prevented, but the risk of getting this disease can be greatly reduced by not using tobacco and alcohol. Diet is also important. Eating many fruits and vegetables may offer some protection. Staying active and keeping a healthy weight may also help.

Some studies have found that the risk can be lowered in people who take aspirin or other drugs such as ibuprofen (NSAIDs) that reduce inflammation. But using these drugs every day can lead to problems like kidney damage and bleeding in the stomach. For this reason, most doctors do not advise the use of NSAIDs to prevent cancer. If you are thinking of using one of these regularly, you first should talk to your doctor about the pros and cons.

Some studies have also found a lower risk of esophageal cancer in patients with Barrett's esophagus who take a type of drug called statins. Statins are used to treat high cholesterol. These are drugs like atorvastatin (Lipitor®) and rosuvastatin (Crestor®). While taking one of these drugs to lower cholesterol may also help some patients lower esophageal cancer risk, doctors don't advise taking them to prevent cancer. These drugs can have serious side effects.

Doctors recommend that people with Barrett's esophagus have certain tests done to look for cell changes that may be a sign of cancer. Treating reflux may help to prevent Barrett's esophagus and esophageal cancer. If you have chronic heartburn (or reflux), you should talk to your health care team about it. Treatment with drugs or even surgery can improve symptoms and may prevent future problems.

This information is provided by the American Cancer Society. If you need more information, please call your physician or the Florida Department of Health in Madison at 850-973-5000 or the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson at (850) 342-0170.

Savvy Senior: How Reverse Mortgages Work in 2014

Dear Savvy Senior, What can you tell me about reverse mortgages? I was considering one last year, but now I hear they are more difficult to get. Ready to Reverse

Dear Ready, That's correct. Tighter rules on reverse mortgages that have recently gone into affect have made them harder to get, especially for seniors with heavy debt problems.

The reason the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) made these changes was to strengthen the product, which has suffered from a struggling housing market and a growing number of defaults by borrowers. Here's a rundown of how reverse mortgages now work in 2014.

Overview: The basics are still the same. A reverse mortgage is a loan that allows senior homeowners to borrow money against the equity in their house. The loan doesn't have to be repaid until the homeowner dies, sells the house or moves out for at least 12 months. It's also important to know that with a reverse mortgage, you, not the bank, own the house, so you're still responsible for property taxes, insurance and repairs.

Eligibility: To be eligible for a reverse mortgage you must be at least 62 years old, own your own home (or owe only a small balance) and currently be living there. You will also need to undergo a financial assessment to determine whether you can afford to make all the necessary tax and insurance payments over the projected life of the loan.

Lenders will look at your sources of income, assets and credit history. Depending on your financial situation, you may be required to put part of your loan into an escrow

account to pay future bills. If the financial assessment finds that you cannot pay your insurance and taxes and have enough cash left to live on, you will be denied.

Loans: Nearly all reverse mortgages offered today are Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM), which are FHA insured and offered through private mortgage lenders and banks. HECM's also have home value limits that vary by county, but cannot exceed \$625,500. See hud.gov/ll/code/llscrit.cfm for a list of HUD approved lenders.

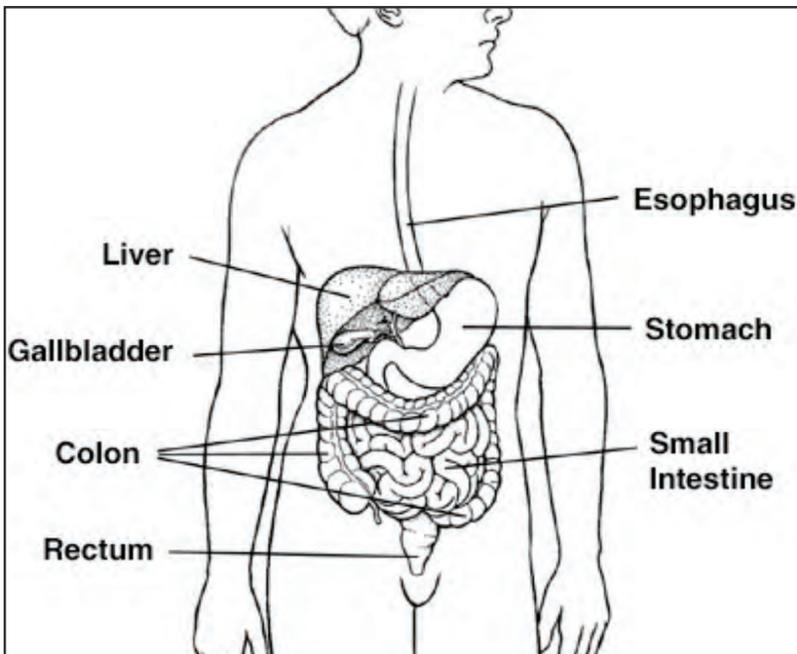
Loan amounts: The amount you get through a reverse mortgage depends on your age, your home's value and the prevailing interest rates. Generally, the older you are, the more your house is worth, and the lower the interest rates are, the more you can borrow. A 70-year-old, for example, with a home worth \$300,000 could borrow around \$170,000 with a fixed-rate HECM. To calculate how much you can borrow, visit reversmortgage.org.

Loan costs: Reverse mortgages have a number of up-front fees including a 2 percent lender origination fee for the first \$200,000 of the home's value and one percent of the remaining value, with a cap of \$6,000; a 0.5 percent initial mortgage insurance premium fee; along with an appraisal fee, closing costs and other miscellaneous expenses. Most fees can be deducted for the loan amount to reduce your out-of-pocket cost at closing.

In addition, you'll also have to pay an annual mortgage insurance premium of 1.25 percent of the loan amount.

Payment options: You can receive the money in a lump sum, a line of credit, regular monthly checks or a combination of these. But in most cases, you cannot withdraw more than 60 percent of the loan during the first year. If you do, you'll pay a 2.5 percent upfront insurance premium fee.

Counseling: All borrowers are required to get face-to-face or telephone counseling through a HUD approved independent counseling agency before taking out a reverse mortgage. Some agencies are awarded grants that enable them to offer counseling for free, but most charge around \$125 to \$250. To locate a counseling agency near you, visit hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hecm/hecmhome.cfm or call 800-569-4287.



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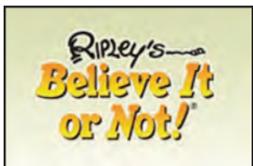
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Visit St. Augustine

St. Augustine, Florida is known as the Ancient City for all of the history that has happened there. It is a two-hour drive from Madison. It offers a variety of exciting places to explore and have fun. There is Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum, Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Alligator Farm Zip line and Potter's Wax Museum. The downtown area offers a wide variety of different and unique shops to explore. There is also a lovely beach that can be enjoyed by everyone in the family.



Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum



According to Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum website, the building was built by Standard Oil partner William G. Warden,

and later became a hotel, Castle Warden, when purchased by Pulitzer Prize winning author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and her husband Norton Baskin.

Robert Ripley did not create the museum. He frequently stayed in the hotel. After his death in 1949 Castle Warden was purchased

to house his collections, which included rosaries made of human bone and drum kit featuring two human skulls fused together and covered with human skin. The collection of weird and fascinating artifacts has grown and has over 800 exhibits, artifacts and artwork.

Other attractions that Ripley's offers is the Red Train tour and the Ghost Train Tours. According to Ripley's website, the Red Train Tours take you around St. Augustine and one loop is 7 mile. This includes 24 stops and from start to finish takes approximately 90 minutes. A new tour begins every 15-20 minutes at all stops.



Ripley's Ghost Train

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haunted Castle Warden. For more information, call (904) 1821 and the 1800s 824-1606.

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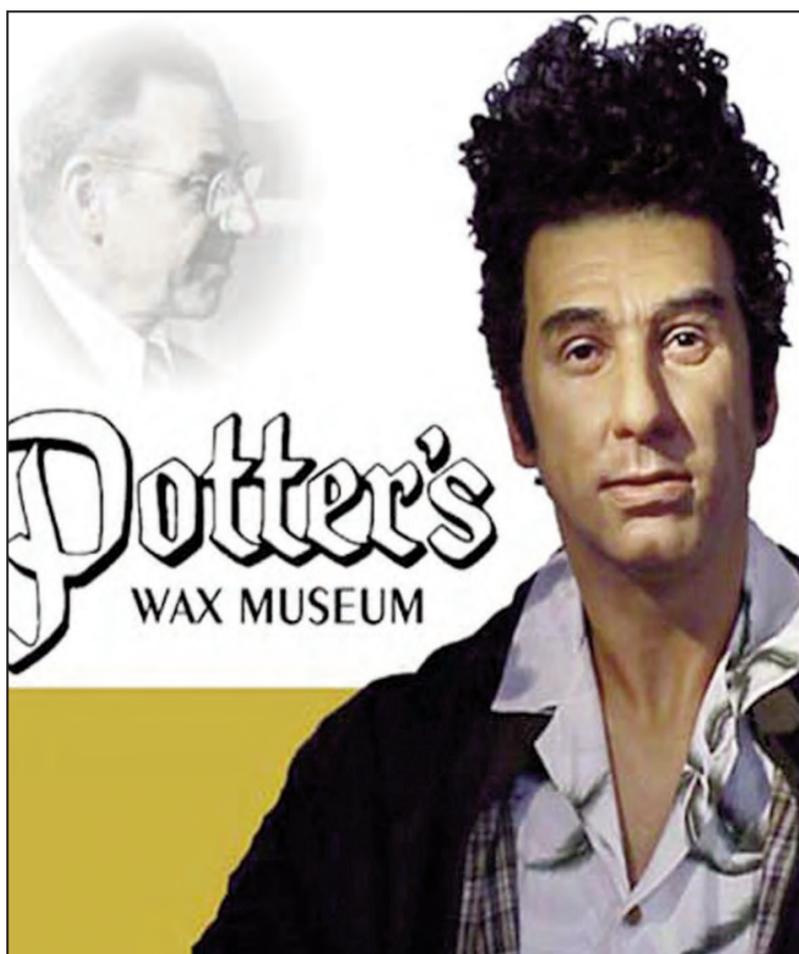


The Alligator Farm in St. Augustine started offering a new adventure a couple of years ago. According to the Alligator Farm website, the Crocodile Crossing is a zip line and aerial obstacle course. You can experience the feeling of standing over crocodiles as the bath in the sun. It includes two different courses. The Sepik River Course is the shorter course of the two. It takes approximately 45 minutes for completion. The course is 20-feet high and includes three zip lines.

Then if you haven't had enough fun, upgrade to the Nile River

Course, which is longer and more difficult. According to Alligator Farms, you should allow two hours to complete this course. You are 60-feet above the ground and there are nine zip lines.

They now offer, Dark Side of the Zoo, where you can zip line at night. This adventure is a modified version of the Nile River Course. The include six zip lines and 23 obstacles. If you want to know what the alligators and crocodiles do at night this is perfect for you. This adventure also includes a nocturnal reptile tour, which include the great Maximo. For more information, call (904) 824-3337.



Potter's Wax Museum

Potter's Wax Museum in St. Augustine offers over 160 wax figures. According to Potter's Wax Museum's website, the newest addition is Tiger Woods. They are also going to be adding Halle Barry and Robert De Niro to the collection soon. Potter's Wax Museum is open 7 days a week. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and children tickets are \$7.00. For more information, call (904) 829-9056.

Marvin And Estelle Bass Celebrate 70 Years Of Love

By Rose Klein
Greene Publishing, Inc.

Marvin Bass was born in 1925 in Madison County and except for 10 weeks during his life, has never left Madison County. He worked on his father's farm, along with his eight brothers and two sisters, and studied in a two-room schoolhouse in Shaw. He has hand-strung tobacco, grown corn and peanuts and raised cows, goats and hogs. Marvin said he had a good, but hard life as a farmer. Having cows gave the family milk and butter and the garden gave them plenty of vegetables, but mules did all the plowing in the garden, as he didn't have his first tractor until sometime in the 1950's. With his sharp memory, Marvin can remember working the same mule team his father owned when he was born, giving the family 27 crops before having to retire them.

In 1990, after a lifetime of farming, Marvin retired and moved to 360 south, where he and Estelle live today.

Estelle Colvin was born in 1926 in Madison County and except for five of the same weeks Marvin was outside of the county, has always been in Madison County. Her family also farmed, but instead of owning one, moved from farm to farm, working where needed. Estelle's family was also large, with seven brothers and five sisters; giving them plenty of hands to help on a farm. Even with the help, she said farming was a tough life and would "hate to have to go down that road again." When working on farms, she picked cotton and tended to cows and hogs. She distinctly remembers a time when having to milk a cow and the cow reciprocating by kicking her.

Marvin and Estelle met while her family was working on a farm close to Marvin's family's farm. They didn't "date" during this time, but were playmates. After Estelle's family moved back to Lee, where she had been born, is when Marvin began "dating" Estelle.

He visited her at her house in his 1929 yellow Model "A" Roadster a few times, but not very regular said Marvin, due to the strictness of her father. They both said dating, like going to the movies or hanging out today, was not something done back then. After seeing her for about a month, Marvin worked up the courage, much to Estelle's fear, of asking her Father and Mother for their blessing of marriage.

Marvin and Estelle were married on a Friday, April 1, 1944 at the Madison Courthouse. Marvin was 19 years old and Estelle was 17 years old. Their family started quickly as Estelle delivered their first child at home on their farm in January of 1945, where Estelle almost died during childbirth. Marvin said he had paid a doctor to come from Aucilla, but it was Estelle's Aunt Vanona that actually delivered the baby and helped save Estelle's life. Estelle said she did recover, but was unable to walk for several weeks. That traumatic

event and the pain were forgotten however, as the two raised a total of five boys and one girl during their lives together.

After retirement, Marvin had his share of medical problems. In 1992, he had surgery due to an aneurism and in 1994 had open-heart surgery, where he actually did die. Daughter Kay said it was a long time before he would speak of it, but while on the surgery table, felt himself being lifted from the table and witnessed the "light at the end of the tunnel" like so many others who have "died" also have seen. His vision, as Marvin calls it, continues as he says he then witnessed a large group of people coming down a stairway and saw a large group of people taking a wide path and only a few going down a smaller, narrow path. This vision greatly strengthened Marvin's faith after recovering.

Today, Marvin and Estelle, still together in the house they retired to, have life a little easier, but as Marvin said, "You can take the boy out of the country but you can't take the country out of the boy." Marvin helps out his neighbors, fixing farm



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Saturday, April 19, from 2 – 4 p.m., Marvin and Estelle Bass will be celebrating 70 years of marriage together at Hopewell Baptist Church, located at 4730 SW CR 360 in Madison. All friends and family are invited.

equipment and raises a few goats saying he can't do without his animals. He also has two sheep and one calf, and a donkey named Fruit Loops and according to Estelle, got that name because that's what Marvin feeds him.

When Estelle speaks of marriage with Marvin, she said, "I married a good boy and he's been good to me all these years. He worked hard, we raised our children, went to church and trusted in the Lord."

Agape love, often described as unconditional love, is how Marvin describes the love between him and Estelle and says it is what

has kept them together through 70 years of marriage. He said their love is the same kind of love referred to in the Bible. "We couldn't have done it by ourselves," said Marvin. "We had to have a higher power; I wish everybody could have that type of love."

The two renewed their vows on their 50th wedding anniversary at Hopewell Baptist Church and this year, on their 70th, will be celebrating at the same church. All of Marvin and Estelle's family and friends are invited to join them. For more information, call daughter Kay at (850) 973-0542.

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Story Submitted
Madison County Chamber of Commerce and
Tourism Office

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This exciting three-day event gallops in on Friday, April 18, with over 150 cowboys and cowgirls from the Professional Cowboy Association competing in several heart-thumping, foot-stomping events like calf roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing, break-away roping and even bull riding.

Meet The History Channel's AxMen from Season 7, the Dreadknots. They'll be on hand Friday at 6 p.m. to give autographs at Lanier Field, located just behind O'Neal's Restaurant and just off U.S. Highway 90 in Madison.

The fun rolls into downtown Madison Saturday, April 19 with the Down Home Days festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring over 100 vendors, a Parade at 10 a.m., Antique and Classic car show, jeep and motorcycle show, a petting zoo, antique tractor and engine show, a frog hop, two fitness runs and more.

This year the Down Home Days Parade theme is Gone Country and one highlight is a 1912 Winona Wagon, owned by Harry Driggers of Wildwood. The wagon is one-of-a-kind in the southwest region of the US, restored to 90 percent of its original condition, according to Driggers.

"It was sold from a mercantile store in 1912 in Missouri, where a farm family used it every day until 1987," said Driggers.

Festival-goers on the parade route will see the Winona Wagon Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m., and later displayed at Four Freedoms Park. The Down Home Days Parade sponsored by Tri-County Electric travels down U.S. Highway 90 from O'Neal's Restaurant past the Courthouse, a different route from years past.

The Down Home Days Easter weekend is packed with family-friendly activities, with sponsors such as Nestlé Waters, Big Bend AHEC, Madison County Community Bank, Johnson & Johnson, Gordon Tractor and C.M. Brandies, Inc. The Madison County Chamber of Commerce &

Tourism hosts the event.

For the first time in Madison County, a Special Needs Private Exhibition Rodeo takes place Thursday, April 17 at Lanier Field. Special Needs children, adults, families and organizations have received invitations to experience a free exhibition rodeo firsthand. Lunch will be provided and sponsored by Transfield Services.

Thursday night at 5 p.m., a Barbecue Cook-Off fundraiser sponsored by Harvey's Supermarket and Elmer's Genealogy Corner will dish up \$6 barbecued chicken meals leading up to the Pet Contest at 6 p.m. at Four Freedoms Park. Adorable pets will vie for "top dog." Proceeds from the Barbecue Cook-Off go to Boyz to Kings, a non-profit organization to mentor young men in Madison County.

Becky's Dance Steps Studio Recital at 6 p.m. April 18 energizes Pinckney Street between the Courthouse and Annex, with 14 street dances, including an elegant Easter presentation, following the Citizen of the Year announcement.

Easter weekend Rodeo events, 6:30 p.m. nightly, feature Pastor Rick Lane of Amazing Horse Ministries, Friday, April 18 showing how his wild horse was tamed. The Circle Cross Cowboy Band performs Gospel music, Saturday, April 19.

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Rodeo tickets are available at the gate only: \$12 for age 13 and up; \$5 for ages 5-12; children under 4 are free.

The Down Home Days Festival begins Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with over 100 vendors on both sides of Range Avenue, closed south of Highway 90 past Macon Street.

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Becky's Dance Steps Studio To Perform At Down Home Days Festival

Down Home Days Festival. That's exactly what the studio's dancers will do again on Friday, April 18th at 6 p.m. on Pinckney Street near the south end of the Courthouse in front of the Annex. A preview of the studio's upcoming 38th annual recital, "Just Dance" will feature dancers ranging from ages three to 25, proudly performing in their sparkling new costumes. There will be something for everyone as the dancers showcase a variety of 14 ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop numbers to music from classic to contemporary. Always

a showstopper, the adorable three year olds will perform their signature dance, "Body Rock." This year the studio has not one, but two groups of three year olds that will make their "stage debut" at Down Home Days for the audience to enjoy. Another new addition to the show is a Hip Hop dance choreographed by Jazz Instructor and choreographer, Scott Benson, featuring 18 tweens with lots of energy, enthusiasm and some awesome steps. Completing this year's show and in honor of Good Friday and Easter weekend will be the beautiful dance "Amazing Grace" performed traditionally each year by the studio's senior students. According to Becky Robinson, studio owner and director, "My students always work very hard to get ready for our Down Home Days Festival show and look forward to the performance each year. It's a chance for Madison's talented young dancers to gain some performance experience while giving their friends and family a sneak peek of their upcoming recital and to do what they like to do best..." Just Dance!"

Story Submitted
Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Office

It has become a community tradition for over 20 years that the students from Becky's Dance Steps Studio perform at Madison's

DOWN HOME DAYS BBQ COOK-OFF ANNOUNCED

Story Submitted
Madison County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Office

With mouthwatering recipes, a select number of top area chefs will compete in the Down Home Days' 2014 BBQ Cook-Off Contest, sponsored by Harvey's Supermarket of Madison. BBQ Cook-Off chicken plates with all sides will be sold leading up to the Pet Contest Thursday, April 17, starting at 5 p.m. at Four Freedoms Park.

The \$50 entry fee for chefs includes chicken that will be provided. Prizes are \$100 for First Place and \$50 for Second Place. Entrants must bring their own tables, extension cords, grills and other supplies. Side dishes of slaw, beans and Texas Toast will be provided for the meals sold to

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File No. 2014-31-CP
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 (summary administration)

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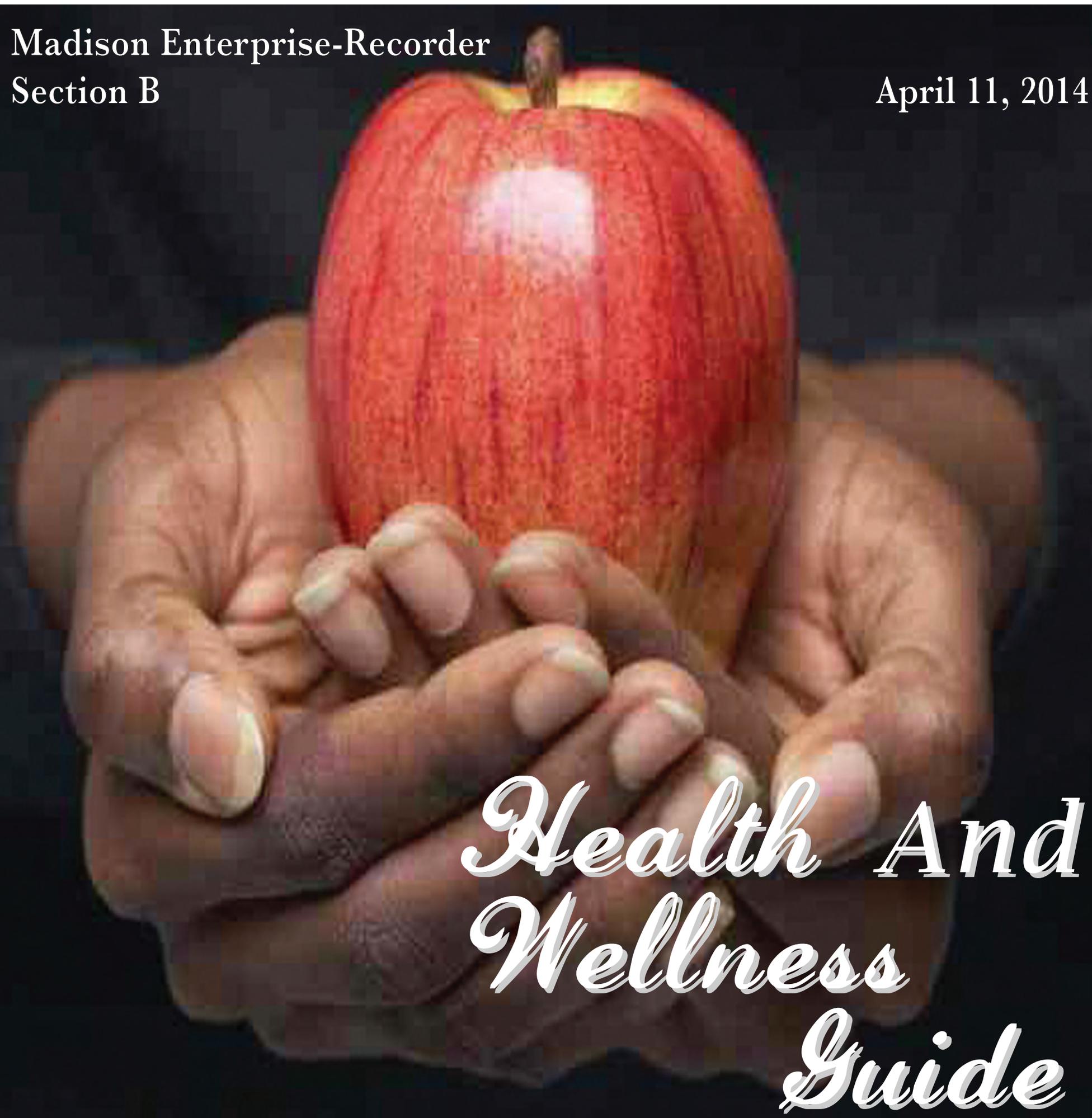
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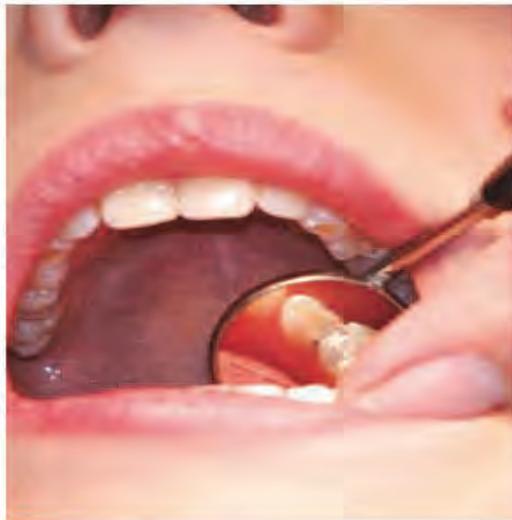
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TOOTH DECAY

What causes tooth decay?

Tooth decay, also known as caries or cavities, is an oral disease that affects many people. Natural bacteria live in your mouth and form plaque. The plaque interacts with deposits left on your teeth from sugary and starchy foods and produces acids. These acids damage tooth enamel over time by dissolving, or demineralizing enamel, which weakens the teeth and leads to tooth decay. Tooth decay is not life threatening and is highly preventable.

What types of foods may contribute to tooth decay?

Foods containing carbohydrates (starches and sugars), such as soda pop, candy, ice cream, milk, and cake, and even some fruits, vegetables, and juices, may contribute to tooth decay.

How can cavities be prevented?

The acids formed by plaque can be counteracted by the saliva in your mouth, which acts as a buffer and remineralizing agent. Dentists often recommend chewing sugarless gum to stimulate saliva flow. However, the best way to prevent cavities is to brush and floss regularly. Fluoride, a natural substance that helps to remineralize the tooth structure, makes the tooth more resistant to the acids and helps to correct damage produced by the plaque bacteria. Fluoride is added to toothpaste and water sources to help fight cavities. Your dentist also may recommend that you use special high concentration fluoride gels, mouth rinses, or dietary fluoride supplements. In addition, professional strength anti-cavity varnish or sealants may be recommended.

Who is at risk for cavities?

Because we all carry bacteria in our mouths, everyone is at risk for cavities. Those with a diet high in carbohydrates and sugary foods and those who live in communities without fluoridated water are likely candidates for cavities. Also, those with a lot of fillings have a higher chance of developing tooth decay because the area around the restored portion of a tooth is a good breeding ground for bacteria. In general, children and senior citizens are the two groups at the highest risk for cavities.

What can I do to help protect my teeth?

The best way to combat cavities is to follow three simple steps:

- Cut down on sweets and between-meal snacks. Remember, sugary and starchy foods put your teeth at risk.
- Brush after every meal and floss daily. Cavities most often begin in hard-to-clean areas between the teeth and in the fissures and pits on the biting surfaces of the teeth. Hold the toothbrush at a 45-degree angle and brush inside, outside, on top of, and in between your teeth. Replace your toothbrush every few months. Only buy toothpastes and rinses that contain fluoride.
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Helen King

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The causes of dry eye include aging, medications (especially certain blood pressure, antidepressants and antihistamines), and medical conditions such as arthritis and diabetes. Women

DRY EYES: SYMPTOMS, CAUSES AND TREATMENTS

frequently experience dry eye during pregnancy, menopause or using birth control pills. Long term computer use or TV viewing decreases blinking, which is required to spread tears over the eyes. Overhead fans save on energy bills but can cause dry eye symptoms, while windy, dry, low humidity days will do the same.

The main treatment for dry eye symptoms is the addition of artificial tear drops to the tears on the front of the eye. Some people with more chronic or advanced dry eye need prescription eye drops. One form of drop actually makes the body produce more

tears. Another type of drop reduces inflammation and irregularities on the front of the eye so that tears can spread more evenly. An approach to keep more tears on the front of the eye is to plug the tear draining canals. This can be done with plugs inserted into the canal, or closing the canals surgically. There is now evidence that omega 3 fatty acids help to increase tear production. This can be achieved by diet or supplements.

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Madison County Memorial Hospital Is Nearing Completion



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Shown above is the front main entrance to the new, almost completed Madison County Memorial Hospital.

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Ted Ensminger, Director of Marketing, expects patient transfers to begin August 1, 2014. The new hospital still has a ways to go. There are places where the ceiling is not installed and the flooring has not been started. The elevators are expected to be operational by June 15. May 15 is the expected date

for the new hospital equipment to be installed. All wiring and plumbing is installed but are unusable until the building is inspected. "What we are focusing on is what we refer to as holistic care," said Ensminger. "What holistic care means is not just healing the body but healing the mind and the spirit as well. Taking care of the

emotional needs of the patients as best as we possibly can." The hospital will begin the construction tours on April 21 through May 15. Women are not allowed any open-toed shoes, as it will still be a construction site. The completed tours begin after May 15. Anyone who cannot climb stairs is asked to wait until the elevators are operating.

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By Carol Katz

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Volunteer opportunities through Big Bend Hospice allow people to share their creative gifts like photography, quilting and scrapbooking. They can offer practical tasks such as cooking, running errands and light housekeeping. BBH Volunteers can also participate in relationship-building activities such as sitting vigil through the last few hours of life, providing respite to a caregiver or visiting patients in their homes or at the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House in Tallahassee.

More than anything, volunteering

emboldens the human spirit, whether through Big Bend Hospice or other non-profit organizations. The selfless act of helping another person provides a spiritual boost. Knowing you did something good for someone or some cause is an emotionally uplifting experience that can never be matched by money or fame.

So in honor of Volunteer Appreciation month, I encourage you to look into volunteering if you're not already and more importantly, thank someone you know who volunteers.

Carol Katz is the

Team Manager for Jefferson/Madison/Taylor Counties of Big Bend Hospice. Big Bend Hospice has been serving this community since 1983 with compassionate end-of-life care along with grief and loss counselors available to provide information and support to anyone in Leon, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin or Wakulla County. If you would like additional information about services, please call (850) 878-5310 or visit www.bigbendhospice.org.

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The Art Of Caring

When You Need A Little Help: ALTERNATIVES TO NURSING HOME CARE

By: Ron Pollack

Have you started to experience challenges with living on your own? Do you need help with medical care or daily activities? A nursing home may seem like your only option. But there are good alternatives, including home care and assisted living. However, it's important for you to learn what kinds of services Medicare and Medicaid will and won't cover. (Medicaid is the nation's health insurance program for low-income individuals and families—including seniors—and for people with disabilities.)

What is home- and community-based care?

You may have access to services such as Meals on Wheels, visiting and shopper services, and adult day care programs. But what if you need other kinds of assistance?

Home health services (also called home- and community-based care) help seniors who need additional support so they can safely stay in their homes or who are recovering after a hospital stay. These services include short-term nursing care and rehabilitative care (like physical therapy).

Registered nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, home health aides and medical social workers provide home health care.

Medicare pays for a limited number of one-hour home health visits, but only for medical care. Medicaid may pay for other types of home care, depending on your situation and the state you live in.

You may be able to find other non-medical services in your community through your local Area Agency on Aging.

What is assisted living?

Assisted living facilities (or assisted living homes) bridge the gap between independent living and nursing homes. These facilities typically provide services like assistance with personal care and medications, and they give residents more freedom and privacy than nursing homes. They range in size from small houses that serve a few residents to very large facili-

ties with hundreds of residents.

Assisted living facilities cost less than nursing homes but are still very expensive, costing an average of \$3,300 a month.

What do Medicare and Medicaid pay for nursing home care and nursing home alternatives?

Many people are confused about what Medicare and Medicaid cover.

Nursing Home Care

Medicare does not cover most nursing home care. Medicare pays only for certain skilled nursing or rehabilitative care, and only after a hospital stay. The duration of this coverage is limited. To learn more about coverage limits, visit the Medicare website at <http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/skilled-nursing-facility-care.html>.

Medicaid covers most nursing home care if you have a low income. Each state sets its own income eligibility level for Medicaid coverage of nursing home care. In many states, you must also have limited assets to have Medicaid cover your nursing home care.

Alternatives to Nursing Home Care

Medicare covers very little of this care. For example, Medicare won't pay your rent for an assisted living facility, but it will cover some health care you receive while you are in assisted living.

Medicaid pays for some assisted living costs for people with low incomes in several states. Every state has at least one Medicaid program that will pay for other alternatives to nursing facility care, and most have multiple programs. Each state's program is different. Plus, individuals must meet the eligibility rules for that particular program. For example, some programs focus on individuals with particular health care needs. And some programs are limited to a certain number of people, which creates waiting lists.

Many people end up paying the full cost of assisted living entirely out of their own pockets.

To Learn More

To learn more about Medicare and Medicaid coverage of nursing home care, assisted living, and other options, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program, or SHIP. SHIPs offer free counseling and assistance by phone and in person. Find the SHIP in your state online at <https://shipnpr.shiptalk.org/shipprofile.aspx>.

Also, the Eldercare Locator connects older Americans and their caregivers with information on senior services. Find it online at <http://www.eldercare.gov/eldercare.net/Public/Index.aspx>.

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Developmental Disability Advocates Urge Lawmakers To Invest In Florida's Communities

The Arc of Florida, The Arc Big Bend and Florida Developmental Disabilities Council today unveiled a plan designed to ensure that Floridians with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) are fully included in their communities and not segregated in institutions and nursing homes. The four-part *Invest in Florida's Communities* plan includes Medicaid Waiver Waitlist Funding, Increased Rates for Services, Community-Based Services and Alternative Family Homes.

"We encourage lawmakers and Governor Scott to take this opportunity to invest in our communities and protect some of Florida's most vulnerable citizens," said Pat Young, President of The Arc of Florida. "This plan will keep individuals with developmental disabilities out of institutions and allow them to become contributing members of society."

The Arc Big Bend is proud that our local governments have adopted Resolutions acknowledging March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. We hope that the local government and our community as a whole will support the *Invest in Florida's Communities* plan for those members of our community that face these challenges on a daily basis.

Here is a breakdown of the *Invest in Florida's Communities* plan:

Medicaid Waiver Waitlist Funding

Florida must invest in Medicaid Waiver Waitlist Funding by supporting the Governor's recommendation for \$20 million in funding for the 2014 - 2015 fiscal year.

The current Developmental Disabilities Medicaid Waiver system and long waitlist for services is inadequately funded to meet the health, safety and basic rights of individuals with I/DD. Funding is essential to providing necessary services and supports to Floridians with I/DD.

Increased Rates for Services

Florida must increase provider rates by five percent for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and the funding for this should not be taken away from current client services. The Arc of Florida also supports building a plan to continue to increase rates in the coming years and increasing all provider rates to at least minimum wage.

Florida must invest in provider rate increases so individuals with I/DD are served by qualified and quality professionals. Right now, professionals working with Floridians with I/DD make less money than employees at fast food restaurants, although they are responsible for lives and required to have a much higher level of training. Payments for Floridians with I/DD in residential settings currently range from as low as \$3.01 per hour for basic care to \$11.04 per hour to care for the most involved individuals.

Community-Based Services

Florida must support the request to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to create and implement a comprehensive five-year plan to

reduce the number of people with I/DD living in Florida institutions. The plan will include a review of the cost of serving individuals in state institutions compared to community-based settings.

Florida must invest in community-based services so people are not institutionalized. This will benefit both individuals with I/DD and taxpayers. Florida taxpayers would save at least \$61 million per year by funding community-based services as opposed to institutional placements. There are approximately 677 individuals with I/DD living in Florida public institutions. The average cost of living in an institution is about \$120,000 per year per person, while community-based services are \$30,000 per person annually.

Alternative Family Homes

Florida must make funding and services available to families caring for children who are medically fragile so they can leave nursing homes and return to their communities.

There are 149 children with medically complex conditions living in skilled nursing facilities in Florida. Families wishing to keep their children with extensive medical needs at home should be able to do so. The Arc of Florida also believes families wishing to adopt children with extensive medical needs should be able to do so.

The Arc of Florida, Inc., is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities. Working with local, state and national partners, The Arc of Florida advocates for local chapters, public policies and high quality supports for people with developmental and other disabilities to be fully included in all aspects of their community. Find out how to get involved by visiting www.arcflorida.org.

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Health Education Expo

Successful In Keeping Madison Residents Informed

By Rose Klein
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A Health Education Expo, sponsored by Healthcare Workforce Network and North Florida Community College (NFCC) Allied Health Programs of Madison was held April 4 on the Madison Courthouse lawn. The expo started at 10 a.m., and ran until 2 p.m., where student groups from NFCC programs assisted Madison residents and other attendees of

the expo with blood pressure and blood sugar checks, handed out information to participants on ways to increase healthy lifestyle habits and prevention of diseases as well as offering information on the college's health-based programs.

Other organizations who participated in the expo and offered information on health and health services were Tri-County Family Health Center,

Saint Leo University, Madison Health and Rehabilitation, Curves Fitness Center, Little Pine Pediatrics, Madison County Memorial Hospital, Big Bend Hospice and the Madison County Health Department, represented by the department programs of: Whole Child Tri-County, Healthy Start, Tobacco Free Madison and the Madison Abstinence Program.

After registering, attendees were given a check-off card as an incentive for them to receive all the information and take advantage of all the services offered. When a participant's card was full of check marks, they returned to the registration table to receive a gift for attending.

Since the expo ran



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NFCC's Pharmacy Technician class was at the expo, teaching medication safety. Standing left to right in the front row are Ralaysha Daniels, Shatoria Menchan, Rebecca Jackson, Cherry Johnson and Sydnee Jacobs. The instructor for the class, Mekia Jackson, is in the back.

through the lunch hour, the LPN class of NFCC was selling chicken and rice dinners in an effort to

raise money for their graduation and testing expenses, helping both the class and hungry visitors alike.



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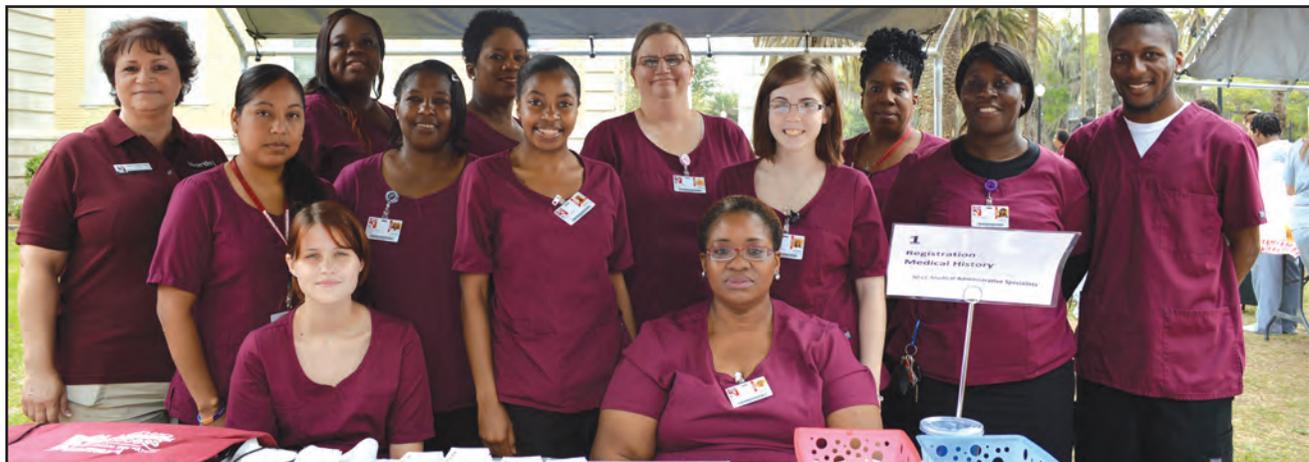
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The Madison County Health Department Abstinence Program directors were on hand to speak to attendees about prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and to promote healthy attitudes on abstinence. Speaking to attendees were, from left to right, Merv Mattair and Pam Robinson.



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Attending the expo and having her blood sugar tested is Cynthia Francis-Ensminger (seated) and LPN student Kasey Kelley, representing NFCC.



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The Medical Administrative Specialists were in charge of registration at the expo. Sitting at the table from left to right are Emily Parsons and Paula McGhee. In the middle row, from left to right are RN and class instructor Tammy Kemp, Susie Hernandez, Pamela Barron, De'Anna Haynes, Gail Crawford, Leola Seabrooks and Aaron Thomas. In the back row, from left to right are Sharell Miller, Lisa West, Laverne Smith and Shirley L. Mattair.

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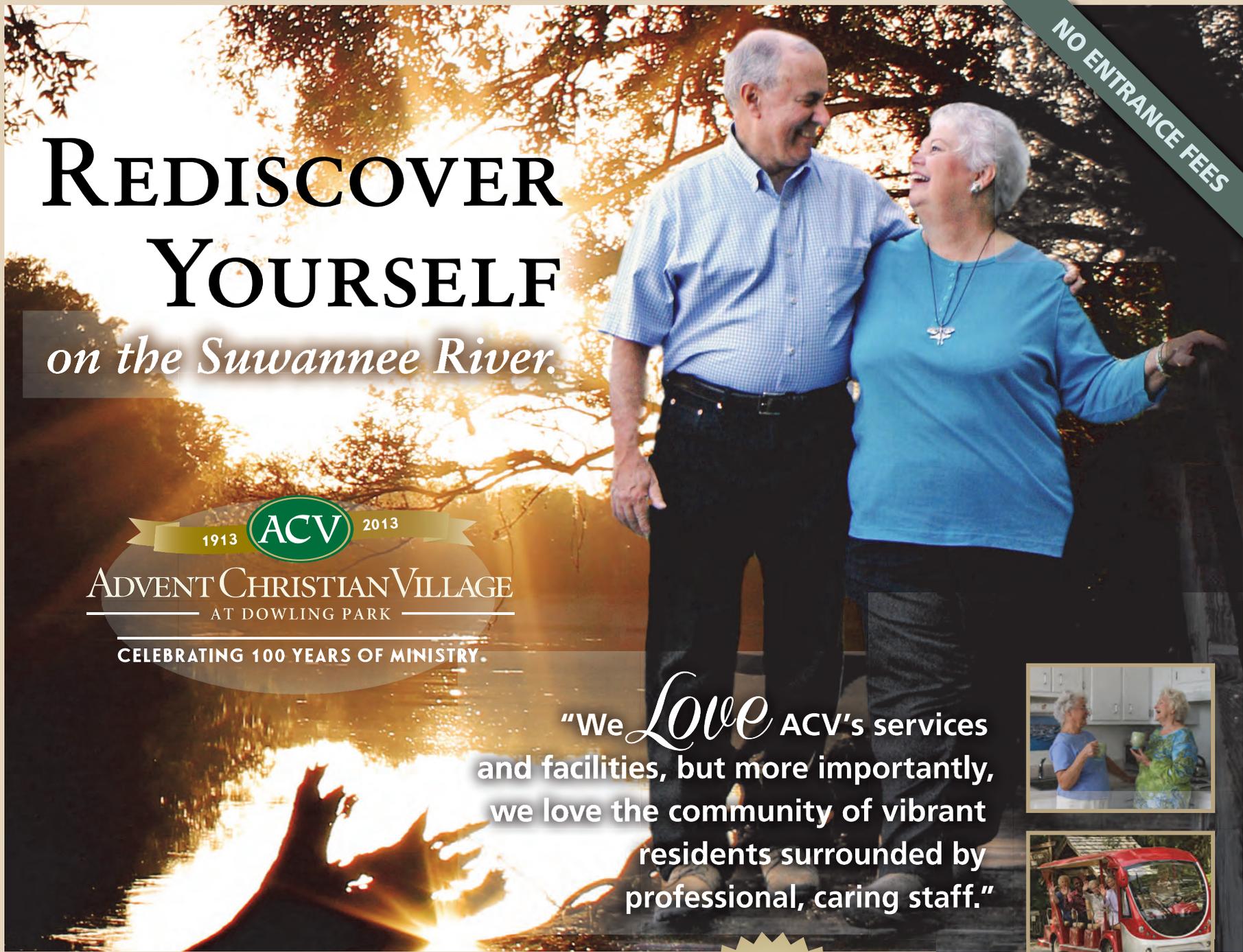
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